

MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tony Tomasello, City Manager
DATE: December 18, 2015
SUBJECT: Proposed Cell Tower at Morris Park

Subsequent to the comments received at the public discussion of September 8, 2015, staff has held discussions with representatives of Verizon relating to their proposal to construct a cellular facility at Morris Park. Verizon plans to submit a proposal with the following revisions:

- The proposed tower location has been changed, with the current location about twice as far (548 feet vs. 279 feet) from the closest residences. *Figure 3* of the attachment herein shows the history of proposed locations.
- The proposed tower design would no longer feature exterior antennae, but will rather use the “stealth” design already approved in other City parks. *Figure 1* and *Figure 2* of the attachment allow you to compare the two designs.

Staff feels that the proposed revisions are an improvement to the original submission and will help address the poor cellular service in this area. Given that the current site is within a 100-year floodplain, a considerable amount of costly engineering work will need to be done in advance of any construction. While we have made it clear that the Council has determined that this will be a public process, Verizon has requested that we try to determine whether you are open to discussing the new site and design before doing any additional work and we have agreed to do so via this memorandum. If you have any comments or questions, please let us know as soon as it is convenient.

Cc: Cindy Hines

attachment

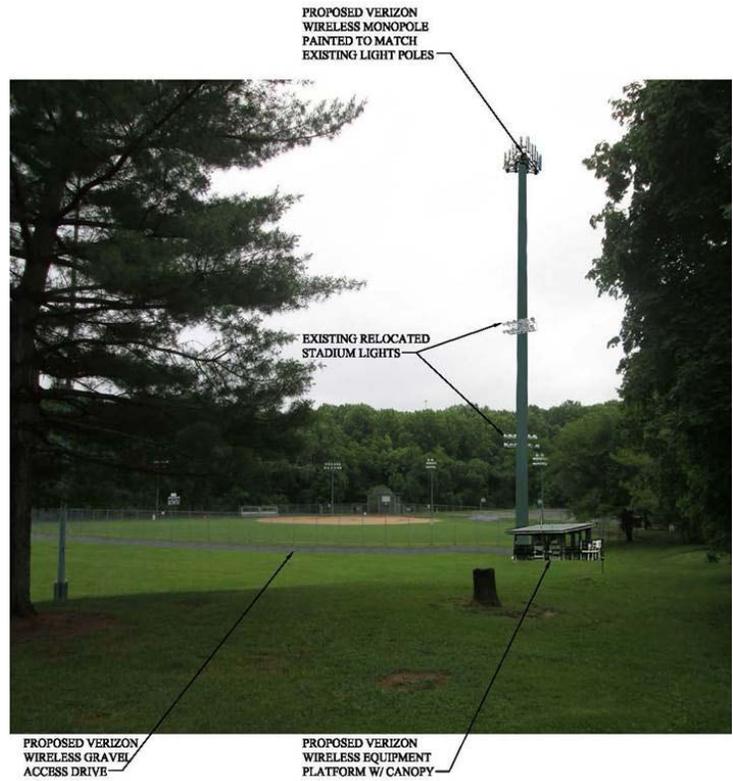


Figure 1-Top left: Stealth (flagpole) tower like Kelley Park (pictured)

Figure 2-Top right: Original proposed tower design (exterior antenna)

Figure 3-Lower center: History of proposed locations (first – 279 feet; second – 476 feet; current – 548 feet)